

Pease	Sanford	Tanner
Pelosi	Sawyer	Tauscher
Peterson (MN)	Saxton	Tauzin
Peterson (PA)	Scarborough	Taylor (MS)
Petri	Schaefer, Dan	Taylor (NC)
Pickering	Schaffer, Bob	Thomas
Pickett	Schumer	Thompson
Pitts	Scott	Thornberry
Pombo	Sensenbrenner	Thune
Pomeroy	Sessions	Thurman
Porter	Shadegg	Tiahrt
Portman	Shaw	Tierney
Poshard	Shays	Torres
Price (NC)	Sherman	Towns
Pryce (OH)	Shimkus	Traficant
Quinn	Shuster	Upton
Radanovich	Sisisky	Vento
Rahall	Skaggs	Visclosky
Ramstad	Skeen	Walsh
Rangel	Skelton	Wamp
Redmond	Slaughter	Waters
Regula	Smith (MI)	Watkins
Riggs	Smith (NJ)	Watt (NC)
Riley	Smith (OR)	Watts (OK)
Rivers	Smith (TX)	Waxman
Rodriguez	Smith, Adam	Weldon (FL)
Roemer	Snowbarger	Weldon (PA)
Rogan	Snyder	Weller
Rogers	Solomon	Wexler
Rohrabacher	Spence	Weygand
Ros-Lehtinen	Spratt	White
Rothman	Stabenow	Whitfield
Roukema	Stark	Wicker
Roybal-Allard	Stearns	Wilson
Royce	Stenholm	Wise
Rush	Stokes	Wolf
Ryun	Strickland	Woolsey
Salmon	Stump	Wynn
Sanchez	Stupak	Young (AK)
Sanders	Sununu	Young (FL)
Sandlin	Talent	

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Fazio	Matsui	Smith, Linda
Frank (MA)	McDermott	Yates
Martinez	Sabo	

NOT VOTING—25

Berman	Hulshof	Neal
Brady (TX)	Hutchinson	Packard
Clay	Klug	Reyes
Dingell	Lampson	Serrano
Dixon	Lewis (GA)	Souder
Fattah	Markey	Turner
Gonzalez	McDade	Velazquez
Hamilton	Meehan	
Hinojosa	Moakley	

So the conference report was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said conference report was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶65.24 PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Florida, by unanimous consent, the Committee on Appropriations was granted permission until midnight, Wednesday, July 8, 1998, to file a privileged report on the bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XXI, all points of order were reserved.

¶65.25 PERMISSION TO FILE REPORT

On motion of Mr. YOUNG of Florida, by unanimous consent, the Committee on appropriations was granted permission until midnight, Wednesday, July 8, 1998, to file a privileged report on the bill making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations and

offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XXI, all points of order were reserved.

¶65.26 CHILD SUPPORT PERFORMANCE AND INCENTIVE

On motion of Mr. SHAW, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 3130) to provide for an alternative penalty procedure for States that fail to meet Federal child support data processing requirements, to reform Federal incentive payments for effective child support performance, and to provide for a more flexible penalty procedure for States that violate interjurisdictional adoption requirements; together with the following amendments of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Table of contents.

TITLE I—CHILD SUPPORT DATA PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 101. Alternative penalty procedure.

Sec. 102. Authority to waive single statewide automated data processing and information retrieval system requirement.

TITLE II—CHILD SUPPORT INCENTIVE SYSTEM

Sec. 201. Incentive payments to States.

TITLE III—ADOPTION PROVISIONS

Sec. 301. More flexible penalty procedure to be applied for failing to permit inter-jurisdictional adoption.

TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS

Sec. 401. Elimination of barriers to the effective establishment and enforcement of medical child support.

Sec. 402. Safeguard of new employee information.

Sec. 403. Conforming amendments regarding the collection and use of social security numbers for purposes of child support enforcement.

Sec. 404. Elimination of definition regarding high-volume automated administrative enforcement of child support.

Sec. 405. General accounting office reports.

Sec. 406. Technical corrections.

TITLE I—CHILD SUPPORT DATA PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS

SEC. 101. ALTERNATIVE PENALTY PROCEDURE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 455(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 655(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(4)(A)(i) If—

"(I) the Secretary determines that a State plan under section 454 would (in the absence of this paragraph) be disapproved for the failure of the State to comply with section 454(24)(A), and that the State has made and is continuing to make a good faith effort to so comply; and

"(II) the State has submitted to the Secretary a corrective compliance plan that describes how, by when, and at what cost the State will achieve such compliance, which has been approved by the Secretary, then the Secretary shall not disapprove the State plan under section 454, and the Secretary shall reduce the amount otherwise

payable to the State under paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection for the fiscal year by the penalty amount.

"(ii) The Secretary may only impose a single reduction of the amount otherwise payable to the State under paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection for a fiscal year for the failure of the State to comply during such fiscal year with section 454(24)(A) or with any other provision of this part that imposes a requirement with respect to the establishment or operation of an automated data processing and information retrieval system.

"(B) In this paragraph:

"(i) The term 'penalty amount' means, with respect to a failure of a State to comply with section 454(24)—

"(I) 4 percent of the penalty base, in the case of the 1st fiscal year in which such a failure by the State occurs;

"(II) 8 percent of the penalty base, in the case of the 2nd such fiscal year;

"(III) 16 percent of the penalty base, in the case of the 3rd such fiscal year; or

"(IV) 30 percent of the penalty base, in the case of the 4th or any subsequent such fiscal year.

"(ii) The term 'penalty base' means, with respect to a failure of a State to comply with section 454(24) during a fiscal year, the amount otherwise payable to the State under paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection for the preceding fiscal year.

"(C)(i) The Secretary shall waive a penalty under this paragraph for any failure of a State to comply with section 454(24)(A) during a fiscal year if—

"(I) at any time during the fiscal year, the State has submitted to the Secretary a request that the Secretary certify the State as having met the requirements of such section;

"(II) the Secretary subsequently provides the certification (regardless of whether the certification is provided in that fiscal year) as a result of a timely review conducted pursuant to the request; and

"(III) the State has not failed such a review.

"(ii) With respect to only the 1st or 2nd fiscal years in which a reduction is imposed under this paragraph for the failure of a State to comply with section 454(24)(A), if the State achieves compliance with section 454(24)(A) during the 2nd fiscal year, in the case of a reduction imposed for 1 fiscal year, or during the 3rd fiscal year, in the case of a reduction imposed for 2 consecutive fiscal years, the Secretary shall increase the amount otherwise payable to the State under paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection for such 2nd or 3rd fiscal year, as the case may be, by an amount equal to 20 percent of the reduction imposed for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

"(iii) The Secretary shall reduce the amount of any reduction that, in the absence of this clause, would be required to be made under this paragraph by reason of the failure of a State to achieve compliance with section 454(24)(B) during the fiscal year, by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the otherwise required reduction, for each State performance measure described in section 458A(b)(4) with respect to which the applicable percentage under section 458A(b)(6) for the fiscal year is 100 percent, if the Secretary has made the determination described in section 458A(b)(5)(B) with respect to the State for the fiscal year.

"(D) The preceding provisions of this paragraph (except for subparagraph (C)(i)) shall apply, separately and independently, to a failure to comply with section 454(24)(B) in the same manner in which the preceding provisions apply to a failure to comply with section 454(24)(A)."

(b) INAPPLICABILITY OF PENALTY UNDER TANF PROGRAM.—Section 409(a)(8)(A)(i)(III) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 609(a)(8)(A)(i)(III)) is